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Brigadier General Austin J. Russell Commander, 4080th Strategic Recon. Wing Laughlin Air Force Base Del Rio, Texas

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Enjoyed my short visit at your station and regret that aircraft ||LLEGIB proposal was rejected by SAC.

The study on the tactical staging kit I discussed with you is attached hereto. I would appreciate any comments or refinements you or your staff may come up with for improving this idea.

Attached also is a breakdown on unit operations by sortic and hours per aircraft assigned per month. Please bear in mind in reading these figures that it is not uncommon to alert for a sortic and then cancel the sortic as many as 15 days in a row. Since we always use an airborne spare to a key point, this means two aircraft would not be available for flying for any other purpose during the period of time they are under alert. On one specific occasion this condition applied for 21 days, so it is easy to see that with a complement of 3 or 4 aircraft very little flying would be accomplished. Therefore the figures are not meaningful with regard to utilization of aircraft in a normal training program and may not be helpful to your cause.

If you wish any further information, please give me a call.

Best of everything,

WILLIAM BURKE Colonel, USAF

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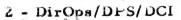
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